

[24th January 1928]

Attendance of local fund servants in courts as witnesses.

* 1363 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the period of absence of a local fund servant on account of his attendance at Court is treated as one on duty only, if the local board is interested in the case and the local fund servant is permitted by the board concerned to appear as a witness on its behalf;

(b) whether in all other cases the local board servant should take any leave which he is entitled under the rules; and

(c) if the answers to (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, whether the Government have allowed freedom to presidents of local boards to refuse to serve summons on their servants when they are not willing to take leave and appear as witnesses?

A.—(a) & (b) No. Revised orders have been issued in G.O. No. 4014, L. & M., dated 18th October 1927, a copy of which is appended.^a

(c) Does not arise.

Introduction of amending Bills to the District Municipalities Act and Local Boards Act.

* 1364 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when the Government are likely to introduce amending Bills to the District Municipalities Act and to the Local Boards Act;

(b) whether it is the intention of the Government to abolish nominations altogether in all local bodies; and

(c) whether the Government intend to decrease the number of nominated seats in all local bodies even under the provisions of the Acts in force now and increase the elective seats proportionately?

A.—(a) The Bills will be introduced as early as possible.

(b) It is proposed to reduce to a minimum the power of appointment to local bodies.

(c) There is no such intention until the amending Bills are passed.

Municipal Councils*Enquiry into the administration of the Cannanore municipality and action taken thereon.*

* 1365 Q.—Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has made any enquiry into the conduct of the Municipal Chairman, Cannanore, as promised in the answer to question No. 459 answered on the 27th August 1927 regarding the administration of the Cannanore municipality; and

(b) what action the Government have taken in the matter?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under consideration.